ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

[Mr. A. Thanu Pillai handed over to the President notice of a motion for the adjournment of the business of the meeting for discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance.]

PRESIDENT: Mr. Thanu Pillai has put into my hands a statement begging leave to make a motion for the adjournment of the business of the Council for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, *viz.*, the long delay in convening meetings of the Legislative Council this year, established by the practice consistently followed ever since the reformed Council was instituted.

I wish to say that I have no intention and I have never had any intention of interfering in any way with the rights or privileges of the Legislative Council. And I may assure the House that I intend holding three meetings of the Council this year also as it has been usual during recent years. There has not been, as a matter of fact, any long delay. And the question of the number of meetings of the Council and the time of such meetings is one which, under the Regulation and Rules, is absolutely in the discretion of the Dewan. As such, I cannot allow that matter to be made a subject of discussion in the Council. I have therefore to rule this motion out of order; and I disallow it.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Sir, I have another motion.

[He handed over notice of his motion to the President].

PRESIDENT: Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai begs leave to move for an adjournment of the business of the Council for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, *viz.*, "the unconscionably long delay in the filling up of vacancies in Government service which, while causing heart-burning among the members of the public service, is causing great inefficiency in the administration and hardships to the people at large". He also appends what he calls a statement.

The Rule regarding the adjournment of the business of the Council for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance lays down certain conditions which have to be satisfied before such motions can be admitted. The motion has to be on a definite matter, that is, a definite recent occurrence which has given rise to a situation which calls for urgent action in order to avoid great hardship to the public. In this motion that Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai has placed in my hands, there is no definite occurrence referred to. It refers vaguely to 'the delay in the filling up of vacancies.'

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Specific references are given in the statement appended to the notice of my motion.

PRESIDENT: Several instances are given in the statement. I can see that. But I say, the motion itself is vague because it does not refer to any matter of recent occurrence *definitely*. Mr. Nilakanta Pillai says, that there is a statement. But that refers to *several* occurrences. According to the Rules such a motion can refer only to *one* definite matter.

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Therefore this motion is out of order either because it is vague and does not relate to any definite matter or because it offends against the Rule that such a motion must refer to *one* definite matter only. For these reasons I disallow this motion.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): Sir, I have got another motion.

[He handed over the notice of his motion to the President.]

PRESIDENT: Mr. Kesava Pillai has placed a motion in my hands, also praying for an adjournment of the business of the Council for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, *viz.*, "the situation created by the President and the systematic action taken by the Dewan in appointing and promoting in public service his own caste men, *i.e.*, Brahmins, who are already too much over-represented in service, quite out of all proportion to their number and importance."

"This motion is intended to bring to the notice of the House the growing resentment among the people at the numerous appointments and promotions made by the Dewan, since the last Session of the Council, from among the members of his own caste which is already too much over-represented in the service. While there are, roughly, only 1600 gazetted appointments in the State, over 500 such appointments are now with the Brahmins who have only a population of 45,000 in the State out of 40 and odd lakhs. Instead of trying to bring down that huge number and distribute such appointments among the qualified hands in the unrepresented and the under-represented communities, the Dewan has been systematically appointing Brahmins in the service so that now the already large number is further enhanced. The resentment among the people on this account is great and unless the earliest opportunity is taken by the House to express its unambiguous disapprobation of this tendency, the situation in the country on account of the communal injustice done, will become serious. Hence it is a definite matter of great urgent public importance. The various instances of appointments will be placed before the House when the motion is allowed and taken up for discussion."

This motion says that there is a situation created in the country by certain alleged events. I may say that, as a matter of fact, no such situation has arisen. The motion is thus based on a wrong assumption. And then, this motion too does not refer definitely to any recent occurrence of urgent public importance. It refers vaguely to certain acts without reference to any one definite occurrence. This motion, therefore, does not satisfy the conditions laid down by the Legislative Council Rules. Consequently I have to disallow the motion.

STATEMENT LAID ON THE TABLE.

MR. S VENKATARAMANA AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): Sir, under Rule 52 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to lay on the table the following Statement of Expenditure authorised by

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